

CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

Burton J. Williams, Director



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1988

PRESIDENTIAL PRESENTATION

During the month of February we celebrate St. Valentine's Day and the birth of two American presidents. Here at the Clatsop County Historical Society we wish to introduce another president - Heather Reynolds, who was elected for a one year term as president of your society at the annual meeting in January. Ms. Reynolds, 32, is a practicing attorney-at-law and maintains her office in Astoria. She serves as public defender in Astoria, and Longbeach and Ilwaco, Washington. She is a member of Astoria's Rotary Club as well as the Oregon and Washington Bar Associations. In addition, she served as a board member of the Downtown Association in 1985-87, President of the American Cancer Society, local chapter, in 1984-85, a member of the city league basketball team, and was a Rotary youth exchange student while in high school. She attended Whitman College, B.A. in History, and Willamette University, Doctorate in Jurisprudence.

She has been involved with and a member of the historical society during her seven years as a resident of Astoria. She is a third generation Oregonian and was born in Eugene.

She is married to Mark Barnes, who is a planner with the Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce. In her spare time she and Mark are kept busy extensively remodeling their home. Mark tells us that she has done "all of the wiring and an equal amount of the other remodeling work".

As Ms. Reynolds takes office she will preside over an expanded board which has broadened the base of the historical society. Her immediate goals are to finish the renovation of the Heritage Center, implement more inter-communication between the society and school children, and working with the expanded board to insure a solid financial backing through endowment funds to increase the curatorial department.

JANE BARNES DAY CONTEST

Each year your historical society stages a celebration honoring this lady who arrived on Astoria's shore in the spring of 1814, becoming the first woman of European ancestry to come to the Pacific Northwest.

In preparation for the fifth annual Jane Barnes Day celebration, the organizing committee is sponsoring a contest for an original drawing of an artist's conception of Jane Barnes. The winning entry will be used on posters and buttons promoting this celebration on May 21, 1988. The Clatsop County Historical Society is offering a prize of \$30.00 for the selected entry.

All those wishing to participate should submit 8" x 17" black ink drawings on white paper to the CCHS office located in the Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street, Astoria, 97103. The camera-ready drawings must be received by 5 p.m. on March 1, 1988. For further details of the contest, contact Darlene felkins at 325-8395.

MARCH MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be held Wednesday, March 16, 1988 at the Sunset Empire Room, 2813 Marine Drive, in Astoria. Bruce Berney promises a "SURPRIZE" program. The cost is \$5.00, which includes gratuity. Beginning time is noon. Please call 325-2203 with your reservations. Watch and listen for further information.

WOMEN'S HISTORY HONORED

A new exhibit will open at the Heritage Museum, Sunday February 28, 1988 featuring "Feminine Fashion: An Elegant Art" displaying 100 years of fashion - 1850 to 1950. This exhibit, with live models, begins at 2 p.m. for the general public and a private showing for members only at 4:30 p.m. This exhibit of gowns and accessories from the Victorian era to the 1950's will illustrate the artful nature of feminine fashion. Featured gowns on display will be an 1885 cobalt blue bustle dress with parasol and a 1914 silk wedding gown with pearl trim and includes the original wedding photo. These fashions are from the collection of Victoriana of Seaside.

Historic photographs of some of Astoria's prominent women, Mrs. Benjamin Young, Winnie VanDusen, and others will be on display as a part of this retrospect of women's elegant fashion. This exhibit opening is in conjunction with the celebration of Women's History Month in March and will continue through April.

To conclude Women's History Month the Heritage Museum exhibit will come to life at the Flavel House on Sunday, March 27, with a tea and informal modeling of vintage fashion. More details on this event in the March Newsletter.

AN
INVITATION
TO OUR
MEMBERS
FOR A
PRIVATE
SHOWING

SILVER TEA PREVIEW

"Feminine Fashion: An Elegant Art"

Sunday February 28, 1988 4:30 p.m.

The Heritage Center Museum
1618 Exchange Street
Astoria, Oregon

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